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REF: STATE 220357 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: THIS UPDATES ASPECTS NIGERIA'S NEW FEDERAL CAPITAL PROJECT, ASKS NEW QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS STATUS SOME PENDING ITEMS. DESIRE REPLIES THIS WEEK. END SUMMARY.

1. EXEC. SECTY. EBONG AND STAFF WILL BE OUT OF LAGOS SEPTEMBER 25-30 (IN IBADAN) AND AGAIN OCT. 6-12 (IN CAPITAL TERRITORY), ACCORDING CURRENT PLANS. INTENDING VISITORS SHOULD PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

2. COUNTRY-FINANCED SERVICES:

A. EBONG ASKING STATUS PROFESSOR MITCHELL. WE HAVE NOTHING BEYOND STATE 210422. PLEASE ADVISE.

B. EBONG ASKING STATUS TWO-MAN USGS TEAM TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 20 ARRIVAL. WE HAVE NOTHING BEYOND STATE 220357. PLEASE ADVISE. (INDIMENTALLY, USGS OFFICAL OVERSTREET NEVER CONTACTED CDA NOR EMBASSY, IF HE VISITED NIGERIA PER STATE 204550 AND PREVIOUS.)

C. DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY. EMBASSY REQUESTS USGS NOT RPT NOT REVEAL TO OR DISCUSS WITH NIGERIANS DMA MAPS AND CAPABILITY NIGERIA MENTIONED STATE 206437, PARA 3. CURRENT NIGERIAN PREOCCUPATION WITH IMAGINED FOREIGN ESPIONAGE

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ACTIVITIES AGAINST NIGERIA MAKES EVEN SUCH INNOCENT AND

CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIVITY UNWISE AT PRESENT. CAN USGS
ACCOMPLISH CDA GOALS WITHOUT DMA MATERIAL? PLEASE CONFIRM
THAT EMBASSY'S VIEWS PASSED TO USGS.

3. PLANNING FIRMS: ALTHOUG LATE, CDA MIGHT STILL BE
INTERESTED IN NAMES AMERICAN REGIOONAL PLANNING FIRMS WITH
CAPACITY PLAN NEW CAPITAL. (FYI: EDWARD DURELL STONE
ASSOCIATES, CEW YORK CITY, HERE IN PERSON OF MR. SONE JR.--
CDA TOLD HIM HE LATE BUT EBONG WILL LOOK AT PROPOSAL.) WE
WOULD LIKE GIVE EBONG LIST OF FOUR OR FIVE AMERICAC REGIONAL
PLANNERS CAPABLE OF HANDLING NEW CAPITAL. PLEASE OBTAIN
FROM A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCH AS AMERICAN CONSULTING
ENGINEERS COUNCIL OR A SIMILAR ORGANIZATION FOR PLANNING
FIRMS OR FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY ARCHITECTS SCHOOL. MR.
STONE JR. LISTED 1) WALLACE, MCGARY, ROBERTS AND TODD,
PHILADELPHIA; 2) SASAKI ASSOCIATES, BOSTON; 3) EDAW, SAN
FRANCISCO; 4) THE ARCHITECTS COLLABORATIVE (TAC), BOSTON;
5) 3D INTERNATIONAL, HOUSTON, IN ADDITION HIS OWN FIRM.
(COMMENT: WHEN EBONG ASKED UK GOVERNMENT FOR SIMILAR LIST
BRITISH PLANNERS HE WAS REFERRED TO ROYAL TOWN PLANNING
INSTITUTE, WHICH FURNISHED LIST.)

4. CDA PROFESSIONAL STAFF OPENINGS: EBONG ASKS WHETHER
USG OR APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION CAN LOCATE
CANDIDATES OR ADVERTISE FOR HIGHLY-QUALIFIED ARCHITEC-
PLANNER AND CHIEF ENGINEER WHO WOULD BE PREPARED SERVE ON CDA
STAFF FOR MINIMUM OF FIVE YEARS, IDEALLY 7-10 YEARS. UK
INSTITUTE ABOVE IS ADVERTISING BEHALF CDA. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. BECHTEL: WE HAVE RECEIVED UNCLEAR COMMERCIAL CABLE

FROM D.J. GOERZ, BECHTEL OVERSEAS CORPORATION, CONTAINING
WHAT APPEAR BE TEXTS BECHTEL CABLES TO CDA AND TO MININDUS-
TRIES PERMSEC JODA (ONE OF THE FOUR PERMSECS IN US RECENTLY)
ASKING IF BECHTEL CAN CONFER WITH THEM IN LAGOS LATE SEPTEMBER.
ALSO HAVE STATE 220439 RE NOONAN VISIT. BECHTEL HAS ALSO
CABLED CDA DIRECT, STATINT IT COMING DISCUSS QTE PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT UNQTE NEW CAPITAL. EBONG COMMENTED THAT HE
THOUGHT BECHTEL WAS TO DISCUSS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT BUT
SAID CDA WOULD REPLY DIRECT BECHTEL. ACTION REQUESTED:
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MINDFUL EBONG ABSENCES (PARA ONE ABOVE), PLEASE ADVISE WHAT
BECHTEL EXPECTS FROM EMBASSY AND WHO COMING TO LAGOS AND
WHEN. ADVISE BECHTEL THAT KURT WEISS HERE IN BEST POSITION
OBTAIN HOTEL ROOMS (BECHTEL SHOULD NOT RPT NOT ASK CDA TO DO
SO) AND THAT EMBASSY PREFERS HEAR FROM BECHTEL VIA USG CHANNELS
THAN COMMERCIAL.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE INTERIN, FINAL OR NEGATIVE RESPONSES

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